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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 6, 2020

Elizabeth Jamieson
Transcend Wireless
10 Industrial Ave., Suite 3
Mahwah, New Jersey 07430

RE: **EM-T-MOBILE-015-200728** – T-Mobile notice of intent to modify an existing telecommunications facility located at 623 Pine Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Dear Ms. Jamieson:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) received a notice of intent to modify the above-referenced facility on July 28, 2020.

According to Section 16-50j-71 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, "...any modification, as defined in Section 16-50j-2a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to an existing tower site, except as specified in Sections 16-50j-72 and 16-50j-88 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, may have a substantial adverse environmental effect."

Staff has reviewed this exempt modification request for completeness and has identified a deficiency in the Structural Analysis Report provided with the filing. The Structural Analysis Report provided is dated July 7, 2020. The Council acknowledged requests for exempt modifications from Verizon and Sprint for the same facility in November and September of 2018, respectively. The above-referenced request for exempt modification does not include Verizon's and Sprint's approved equipment. Please see Verizon's and Sprint's exempt modification filings for this facility, which may be found on the Council's website under the Decisions page for the Town of Bridgeport under the filing numbers EM-VER-015-181105 and EM-SPRINT-015-180829 respectively; or by following the links:

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Staff also identified the following deficiencies:

1. The mount analysis dated June 8, 2020 and prepared by Centek Engineering, Inc. cites the 2016 Connecticut State Building Code (CSBC); however, the State of Connecticut has adopted the 2018 CSBC effective October 1, 2018;
2. The exempt modification request lacks documentation of the original facility approval and any conditions of such approval or correspondence with the City of Bridgeport stating that the City no longer retains records of its decision; and
3. Page T-1 of the construction drawings (CD) references the removal of two cabinets at ground level, while pages S-1 and S-2 reference the removal of three cabinets. Please clarify.

Therefore, the exempt modification request is incomplete at this time. The Council recommends that Transcend Wireless provide the following on or before September 8, 2020:

- a) an updated Structural Analysis Report for the facility that includes proposed and approved equipment by Verizon, Sprint and other entities that are located at this facility;
- b) A mount analysis that comports with the current 2018 CSBC;
- c) Documentation showing the original facility approval with conditions, if any, or correspondence with the City stating that there are no records of the original facility approval; and
- d) Clarification on the number of cabinets to be replaced and a revised CD, if applicable.

If additional time is needed to gather the requested information, please submit a written request for an extension of time prior to September 8, 2020. **Please provide an electronic version of the requested information for the incomplete exempt modification to be rendered complete and processed. Please include the Council's exempt modification identification number referenced above with the submittal.**

This notice of incompleteness shall have the effect of tolling the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 60-day timeframe in accordance with Paragraph 217 of the FCC Wireless Infrastructure Report and Order issued on October 21, 2014 (FCC 14-153).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 860-827-2951.

Sincerely,

s/ Melanie A. Bachman

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director

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